GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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LEVY OF CHARGE ON PRIVATE BROADCASTERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Doordarshan levies any charge on private broadcasters ;

(b) If so, the details thereof ;

(c) The revenue earned during the last two years through the said levy; and

(d) The steps taken by the Government to increase revenue under the head ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Every private channel is currently paying an annual carriage fee of Rs. 1 crore to be on DTH platform.

(c) : Rs. 1.45 crore till date.

(d) : Prasar Bharati has initiated a move in this direction with other Public Service Broadcasters in the world. Besides some requests from other private channels are under process.